



DARK NIGHTS

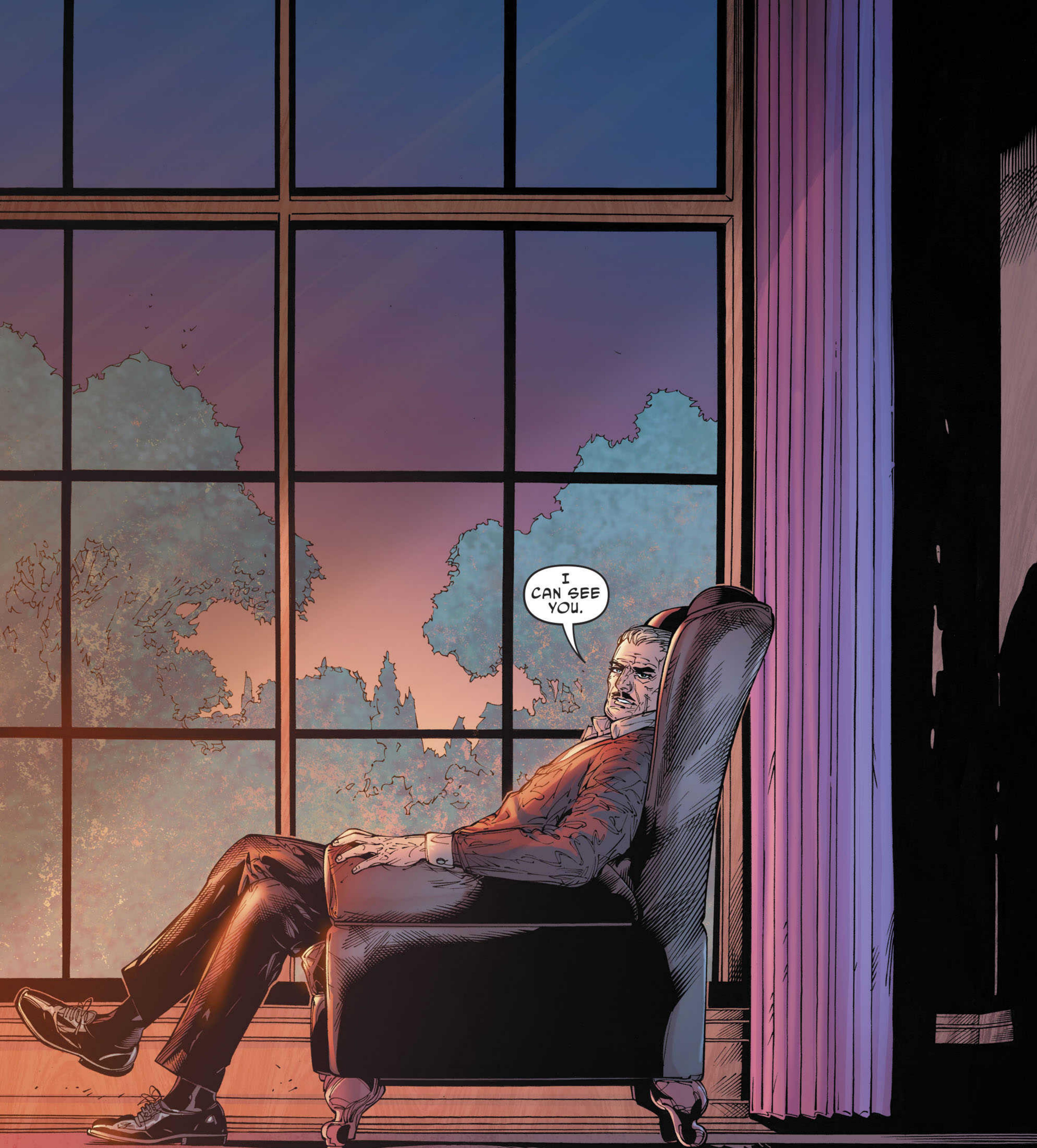
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BATMAN LOST

DARK NIGHTS
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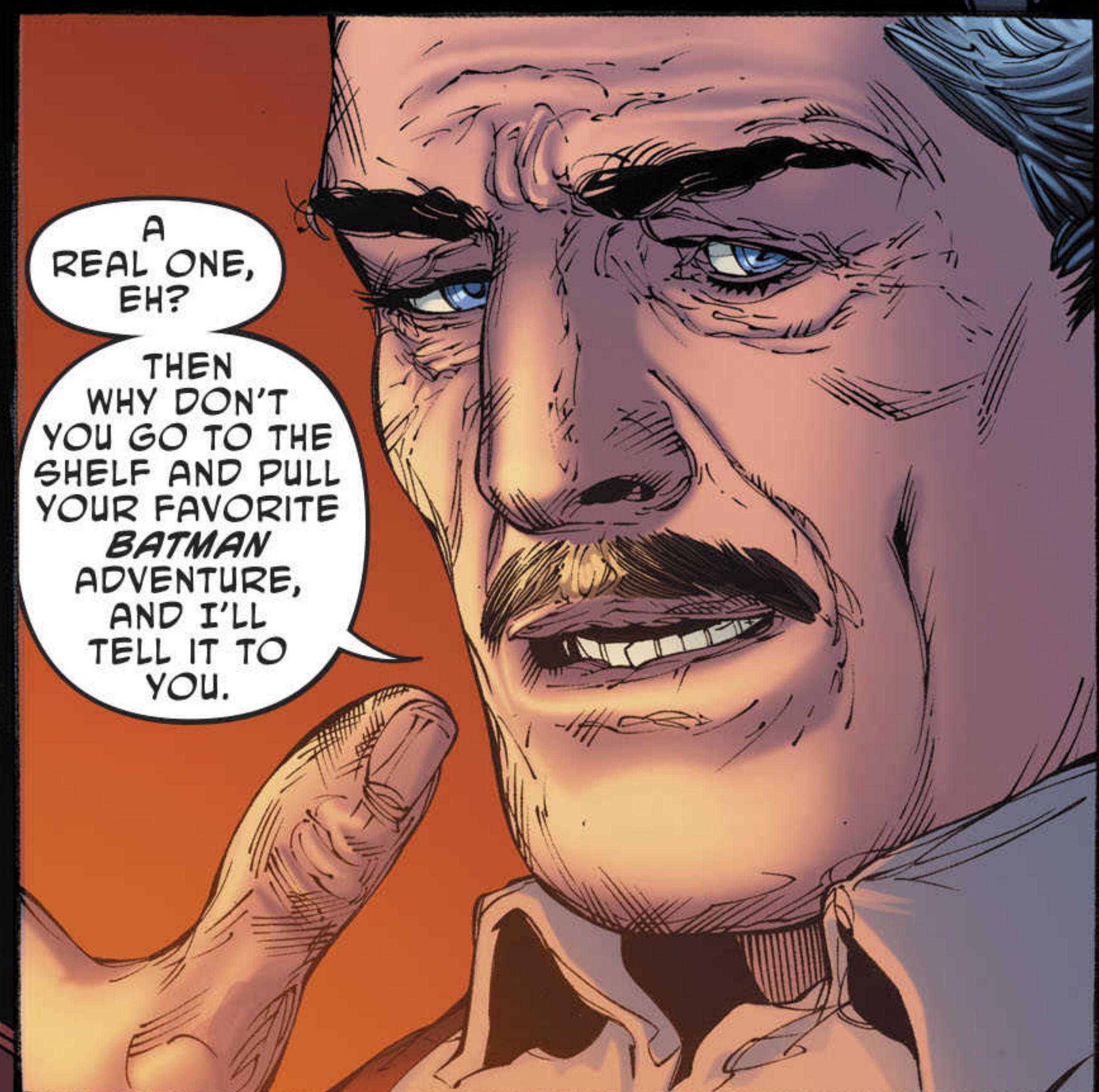
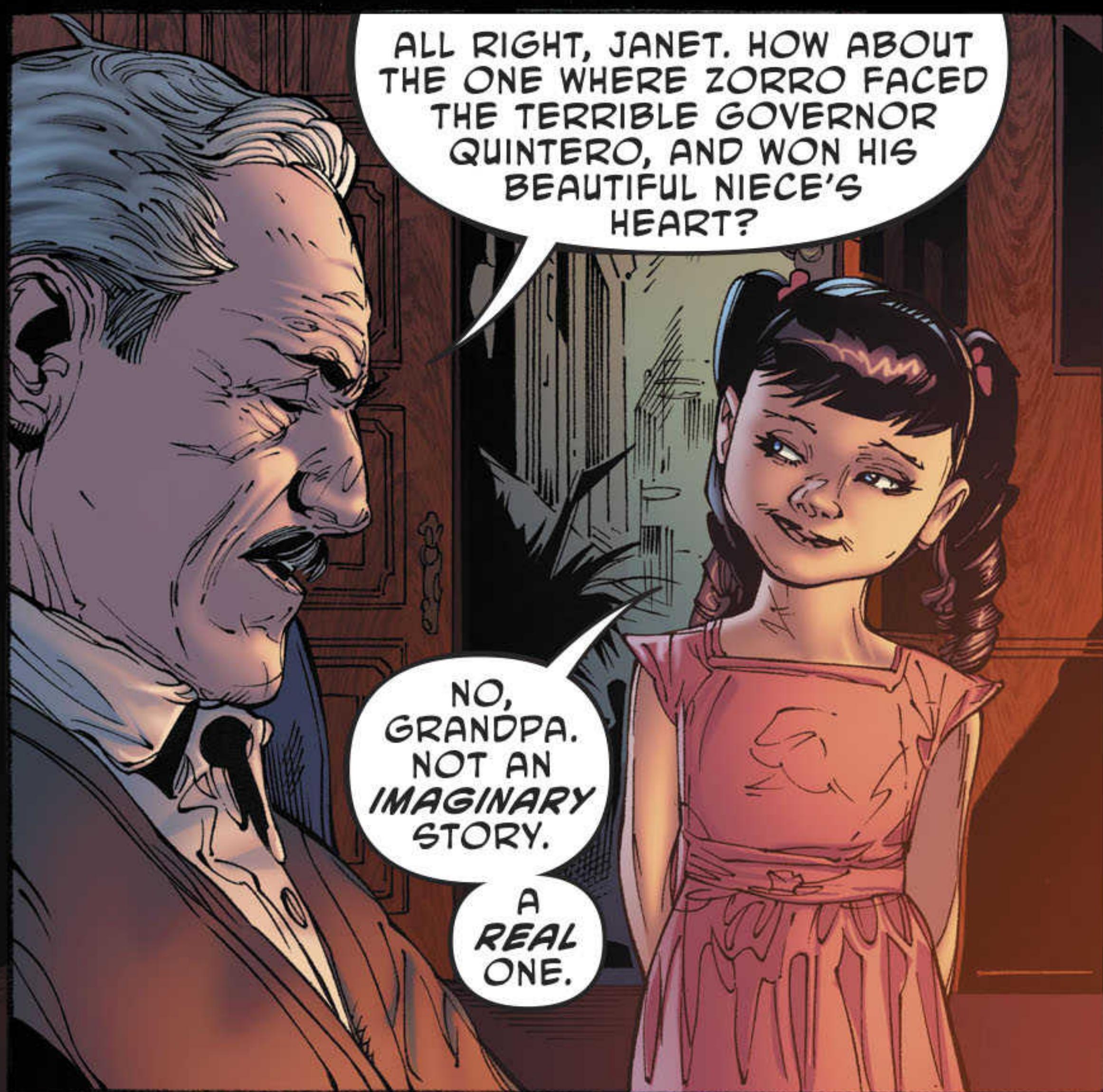
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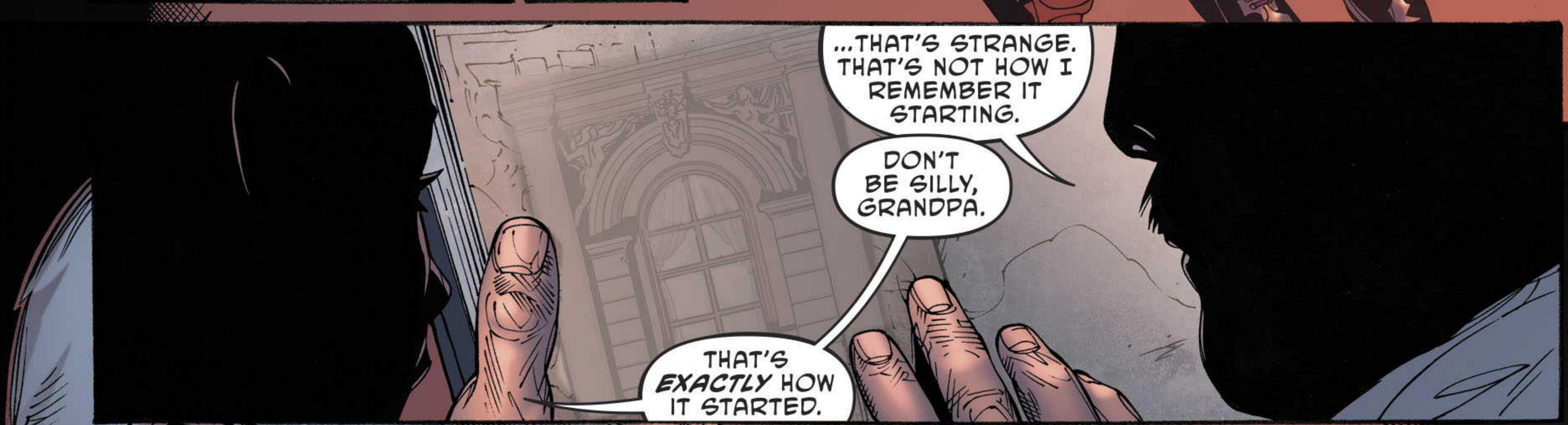
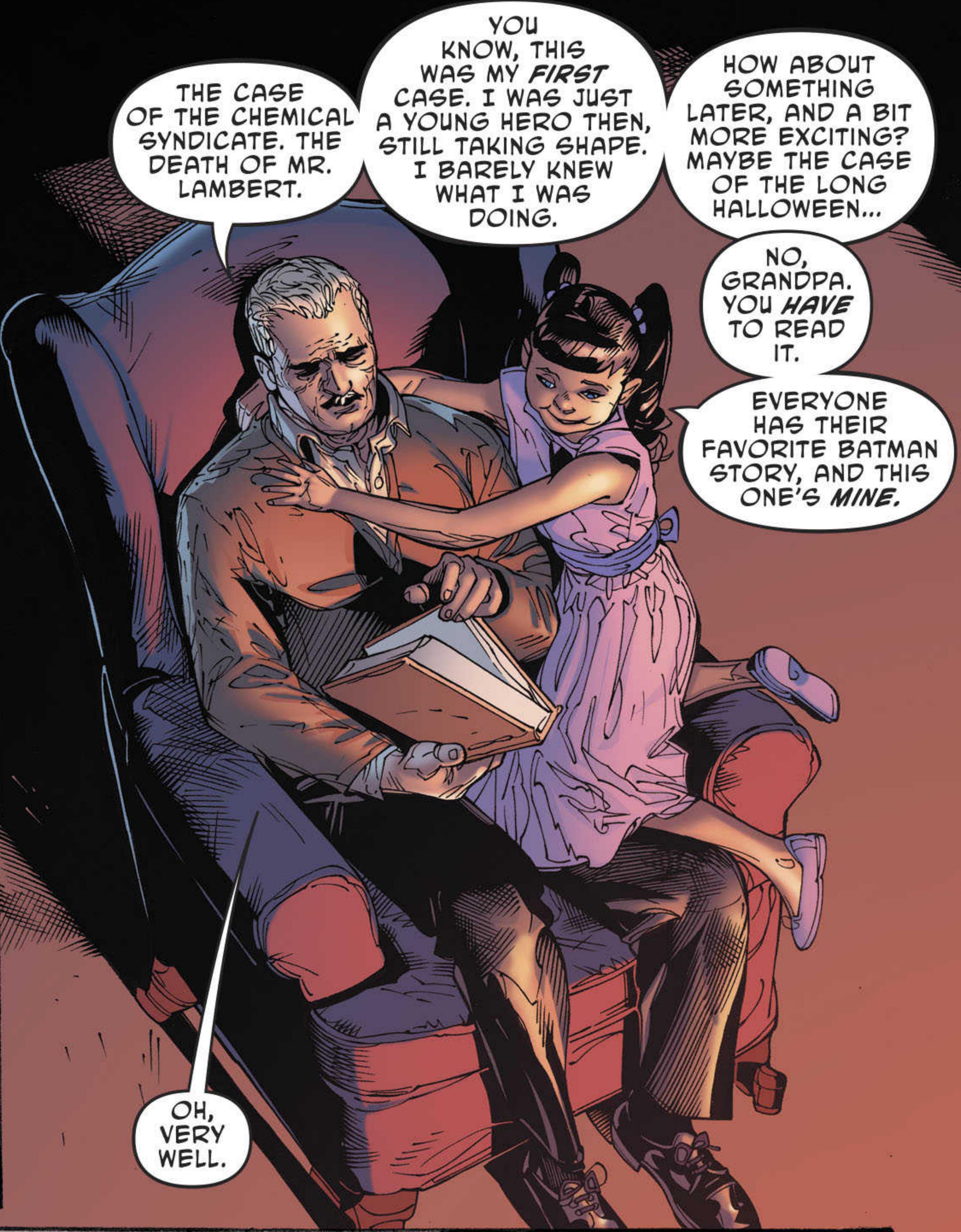
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"AND A SCREAM LOST TO THE DARK."

YOU! I...I KNOW YOU'RE OUT THERE! YOU HEAR ME? I CAN FEEL YOUR EYES ON ME! COME INSIDE AND FACE ME!

I'M ALREADY HERE.

AGH!

WHO... WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!

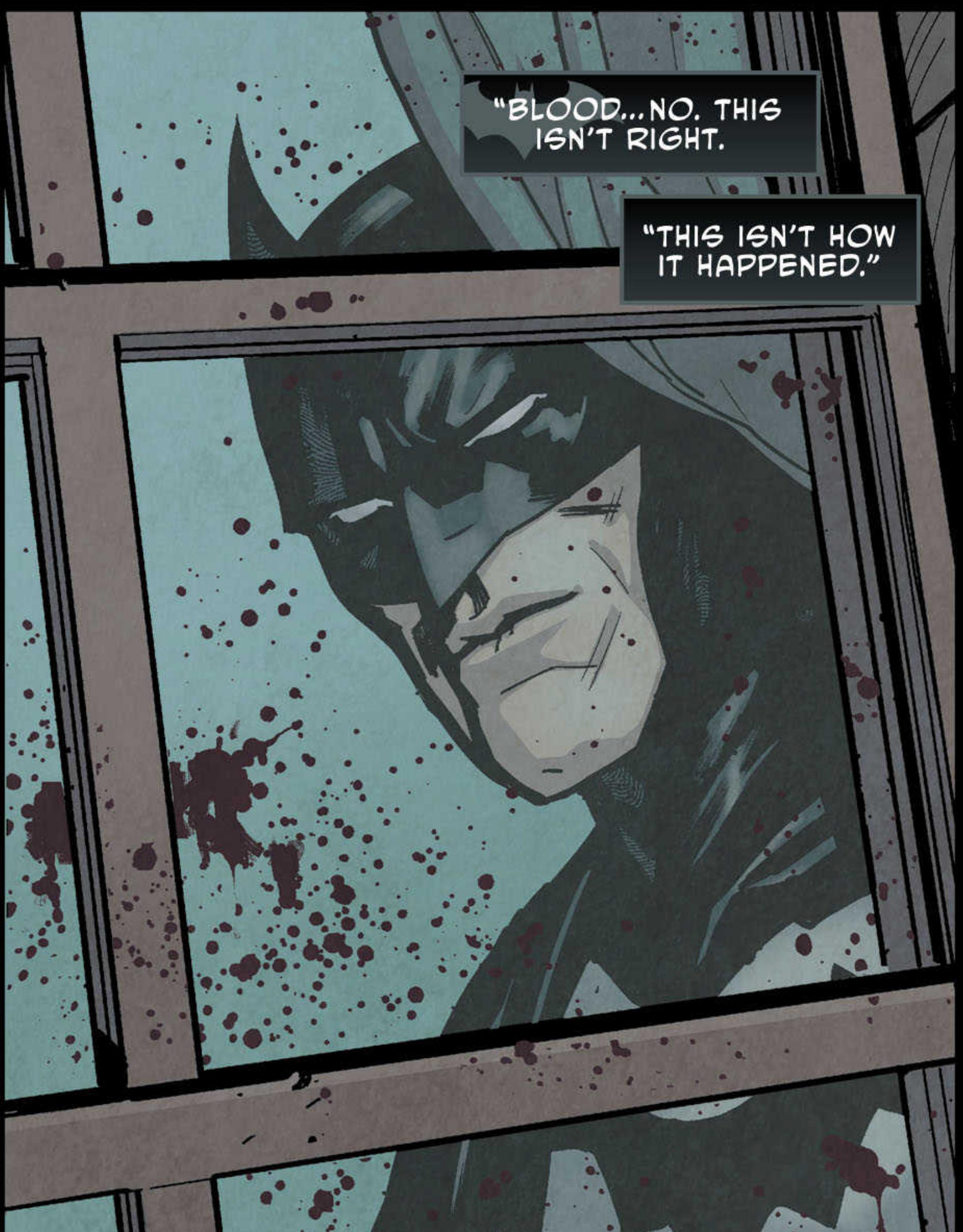
I'M HERE TO HELP.

YOU'RE LIKE THE COPS, AREN'T YOU?! THEY WERE JUST HERE... YOU THINK I DID IT. THAT I KILLED MY FATHER.

I'D NEVER HURT HIM, NEVER!

I KNOW. YOUR PRINTS ON THE KNIFE OVERLAY THE BLOOD. YOU SIMPLY PULLED THE BLADE FROM YOUR FATHER'S CHEST.

NOW, IN YOUR REPORT TO MR. GORDON AND HIS FRIEND BRUCE WAYNE, YOU SAID YOU SAW A SHAPE AT THIS WINDOW.



"SEE?"

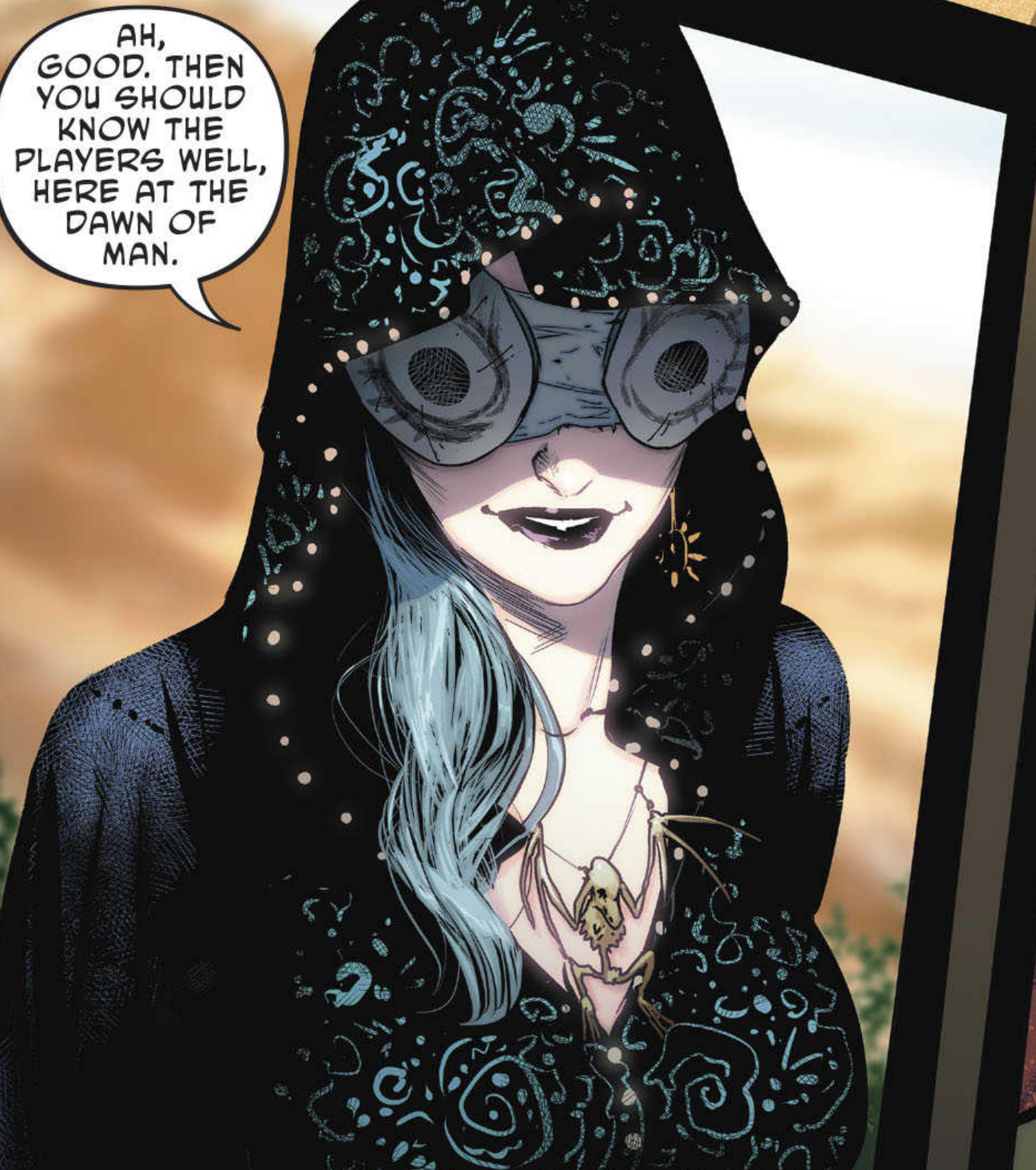


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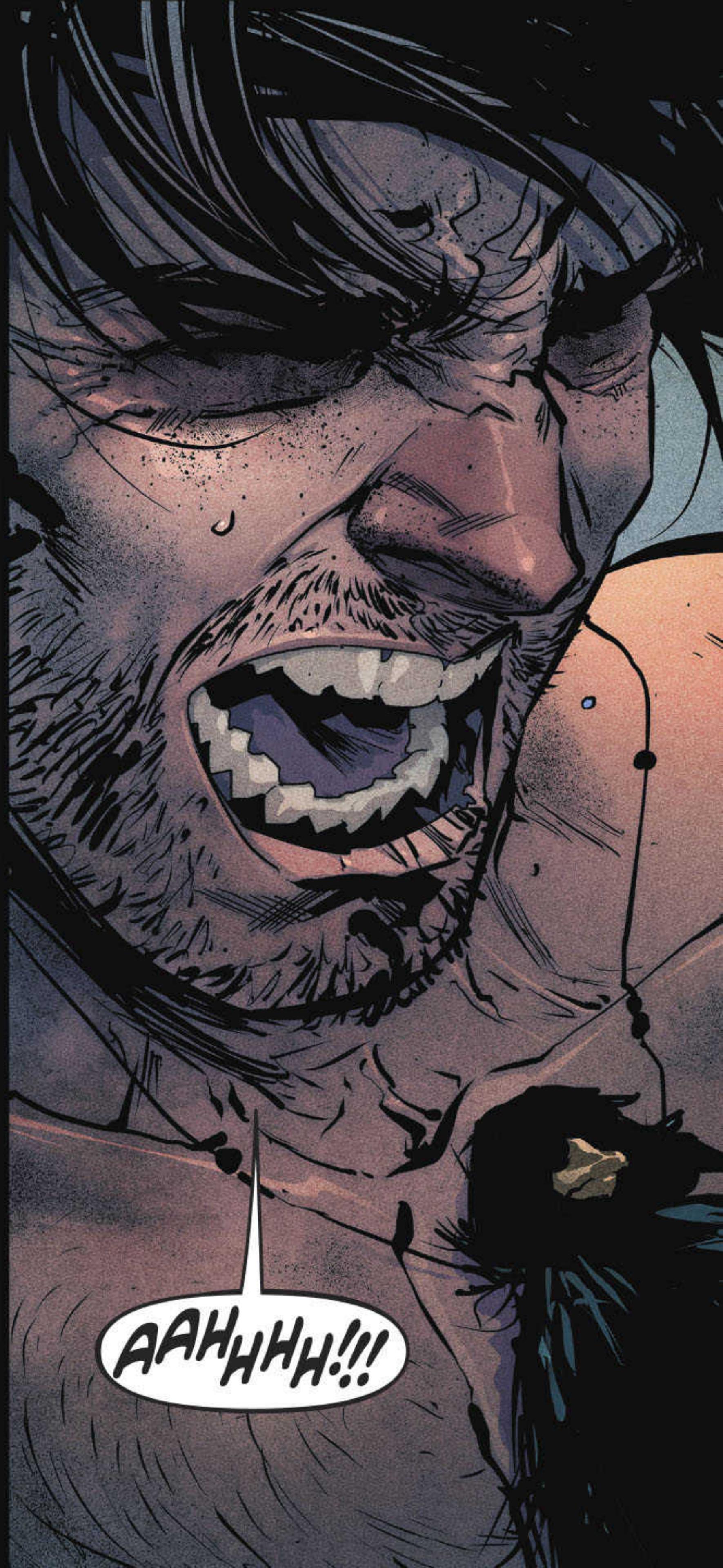
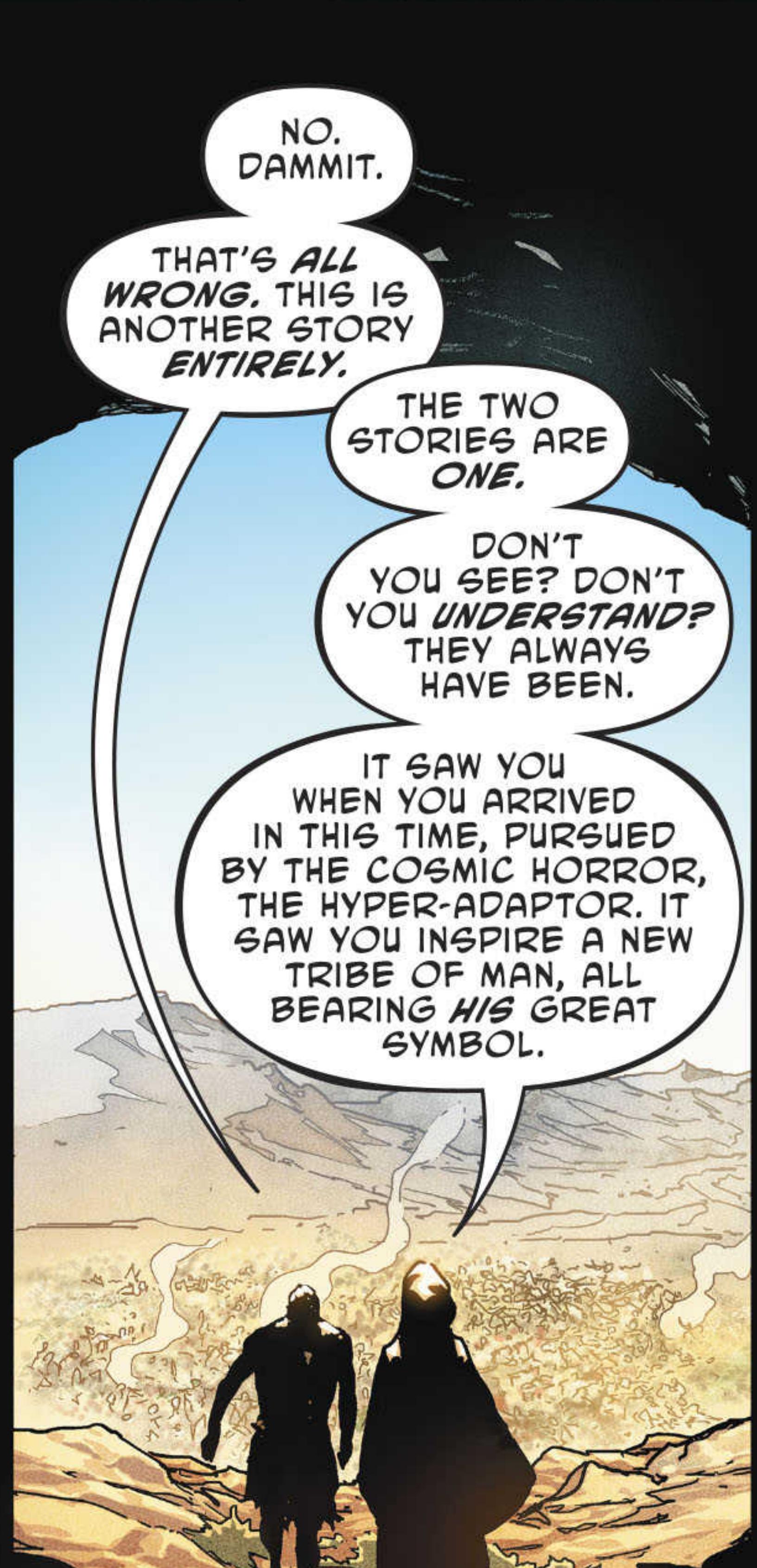
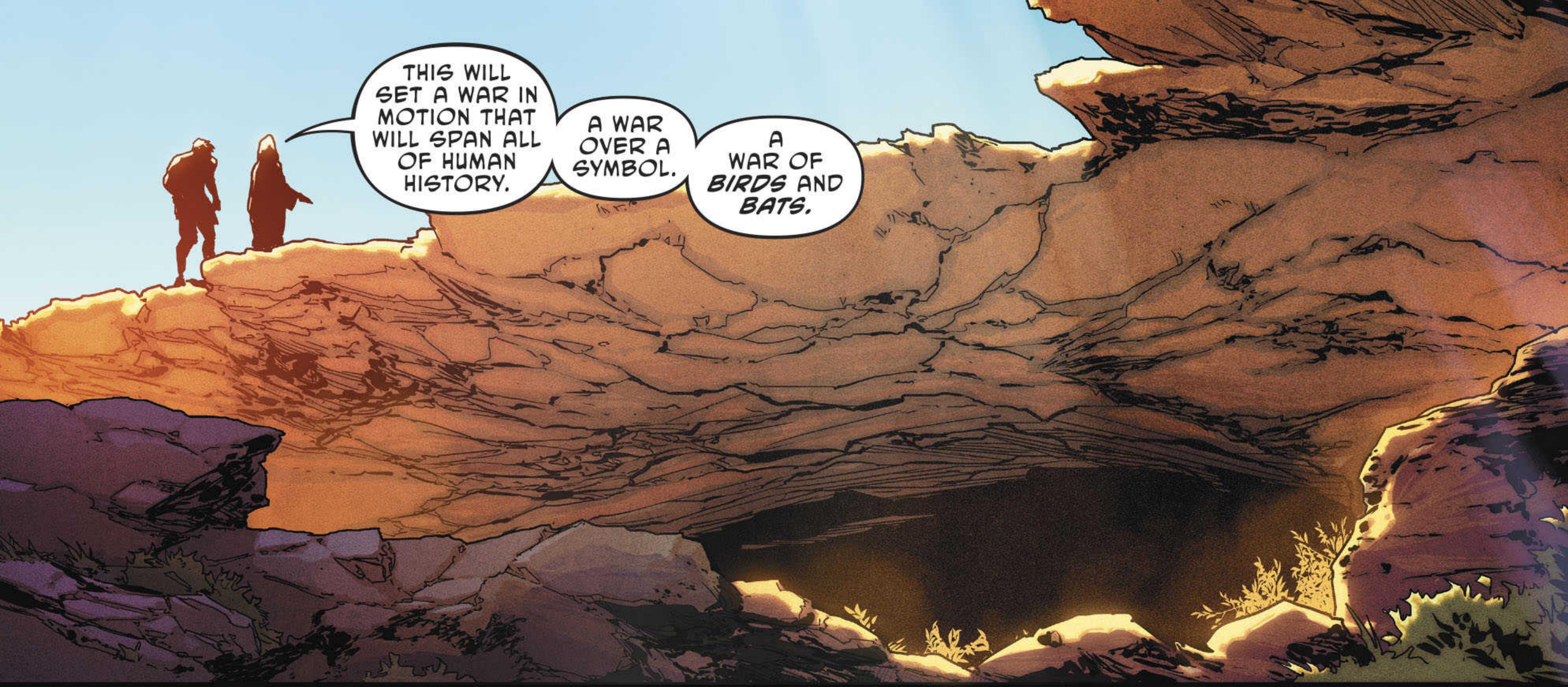
WHERE THE HELL AM I?
AT THE BEGINNING, BATMAN. THE BEGINNING OF YOUR STORY.

THAT'S NOT RIGHT, I KNOW THE BEGINNING OF MY STORY.

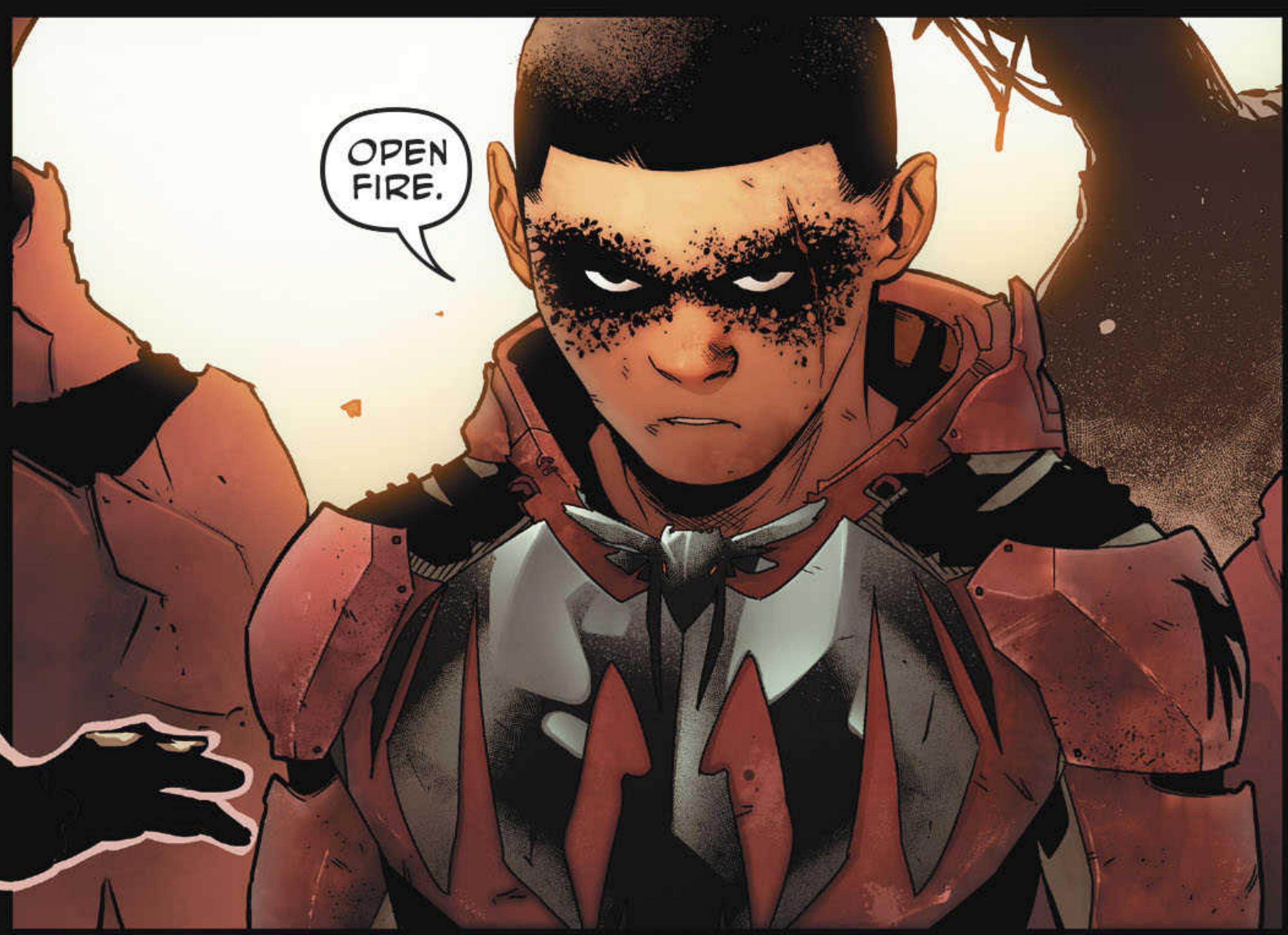
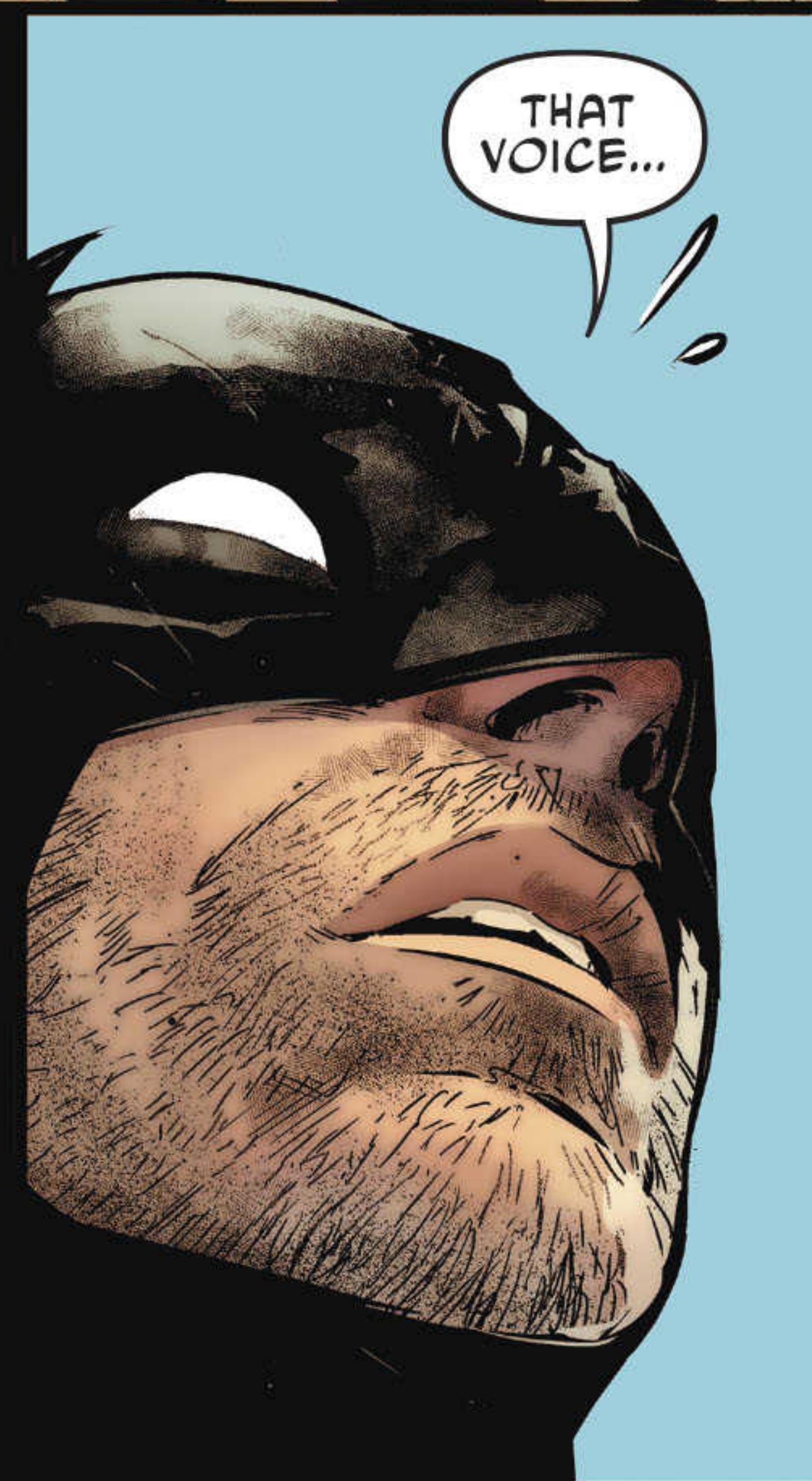


THE BIRD TRIBE NOW KNOWS WHAT EVIL HAS BEEN WHISPERING INTO HIS EAR. THEY KNOW THE DARKNESS HE WILL BRING INTO THIS WORLD.

SOON THE YOUNG WARRIOR WILL TAKE THE STRANGE METAL, AND STRIKE DOWN THE LEADERS OF THE BIRDS, THE ONES WHO WILL RETURN OVER MANY LIVES AS HAWKMAN AND HAWKGIRL.







"WAKE UP,
GRANDPA!"

"YOU FELL ASLEEP
BEFORE FINISHING
THE STORY!"

"WHAT? I'M
SORRY. WHERE
WAS I?"

"RIGHT UP AGAINST
THE GLASS. LOOKING
THROUGH. BUT
TRAPPED INSIDE."

"RIGHT, RIGHT. I KNEW
AT THAT MOMENT
THAT THE WHOLE CASE
WAS SOLVED."

"IT WAS STRYKER,
LAMBERT'S PARTNER,
WHO HAD FRAMED
LAMBERT'S SON, ALL
SO HE COULD TAKE
CONTROL OF THE
COMPANY."

"SO YOU BROKE
THE GLASS..."

"YES, I BROKE
THE GLASS...
AND I CHASED
HIM DOWN..."

"WHAT
IS IT, GRANDPA?
WHAT'S WRONG?"

"THIS ISN'T THE
STORY I WANT TO TELL
ANYMORE, JANET."

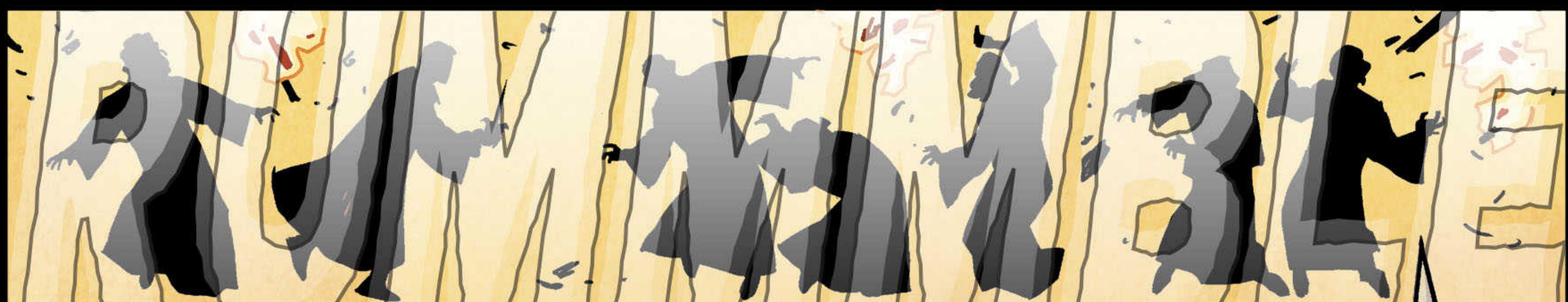
"BUT WHY?"

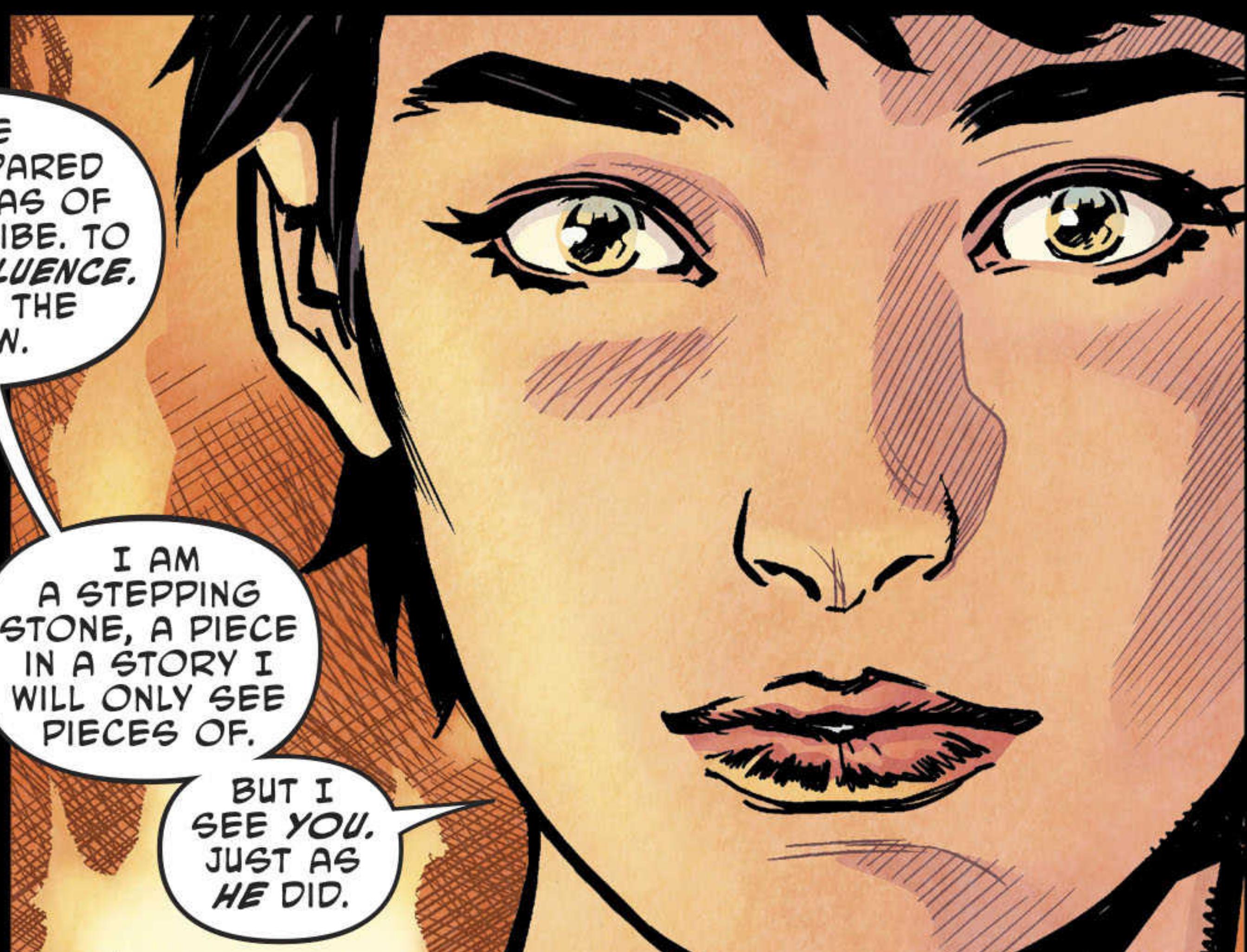
"I NEED TO FIND...
SOMETHING. A WAY
BACK UP. A WINDOW..."

"NO."

"YOU NEED
TO GO DOWN
THE LADDER,
GRANDPA."

"NOW."





...ENOUGH...

no rules

REMEMBER, CONTESTANTS! MAYOR JOKER SAYS THE ONLY RULE IN GOTHAM CITY IS THAT THERE ARE NO RULES!

THE GAME RESUMES IN THREE...TWO... ONE...

no rules

GET THAT LOOK OFF YOUR FACE. THEY'RE COMING TO KILL US.

I... I DON'T WANT TO DIE.

YOU WON'T DIE. THIS ISN'T REAL.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO IS STAY ALIVE.

BATMAN WENT ALL IN, FOLKS REBELLED, CHOSE THE BAD GUYS...

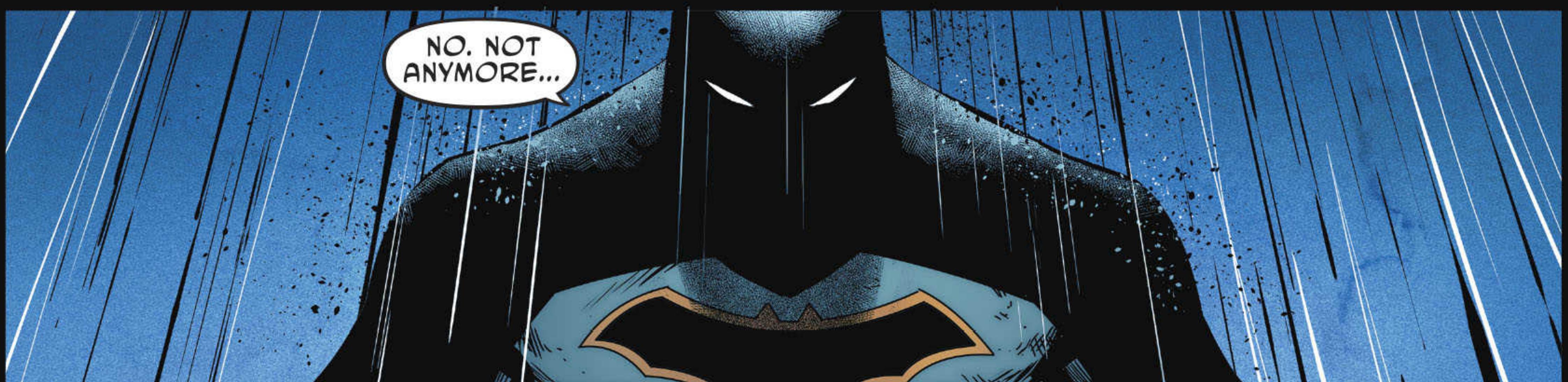
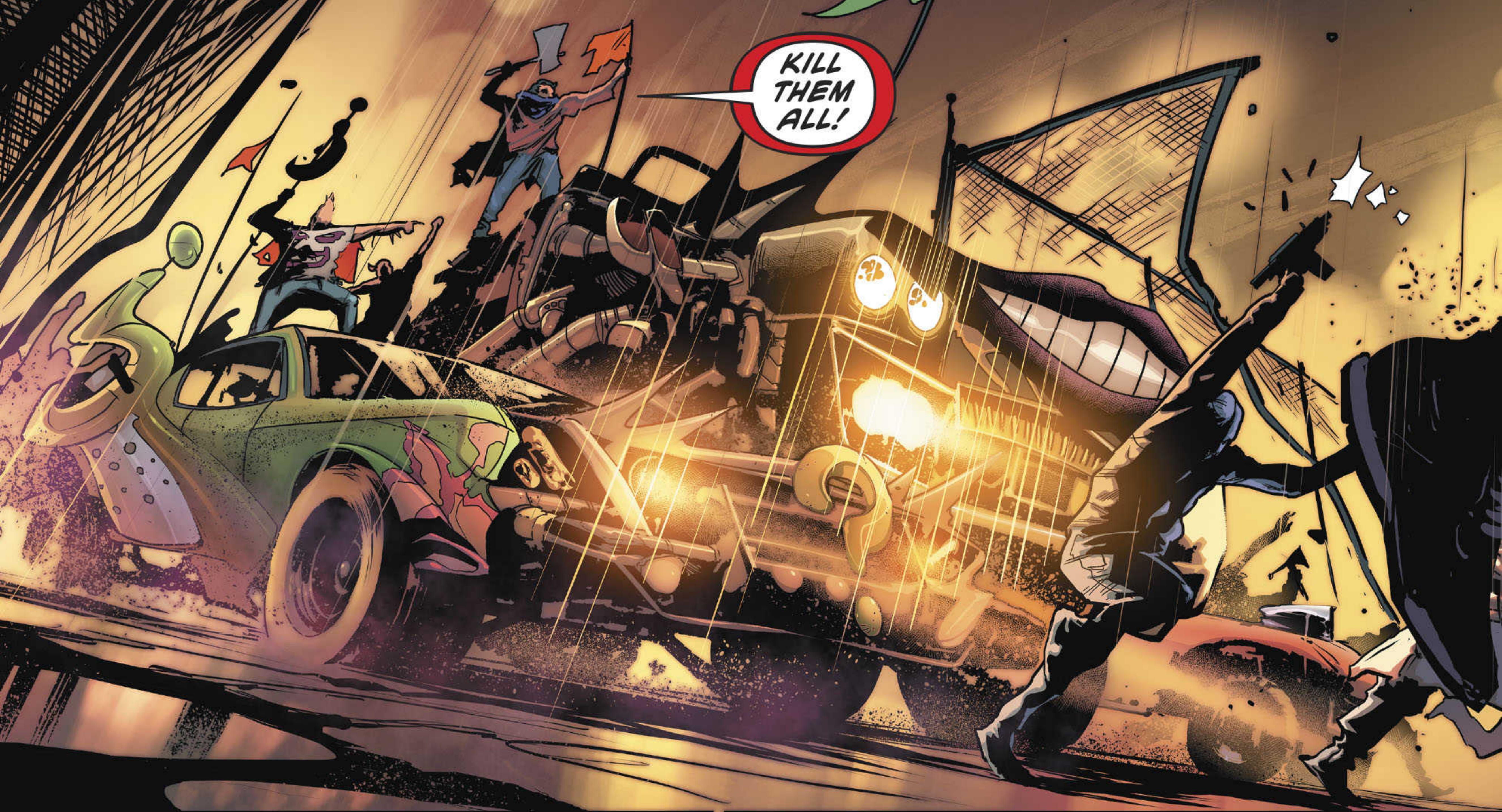
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I NEED TO FIND THE DIMENSIONAL WINDOW. IT WANTS ME TO GO DOWN, BUT I NEED TO GET UP.

I NEED TO GET HIGHER, GET OUT OF THIS DAMN PLACE.

AND EVER SINCE, THIS HAS BEEN OUR LIVES.

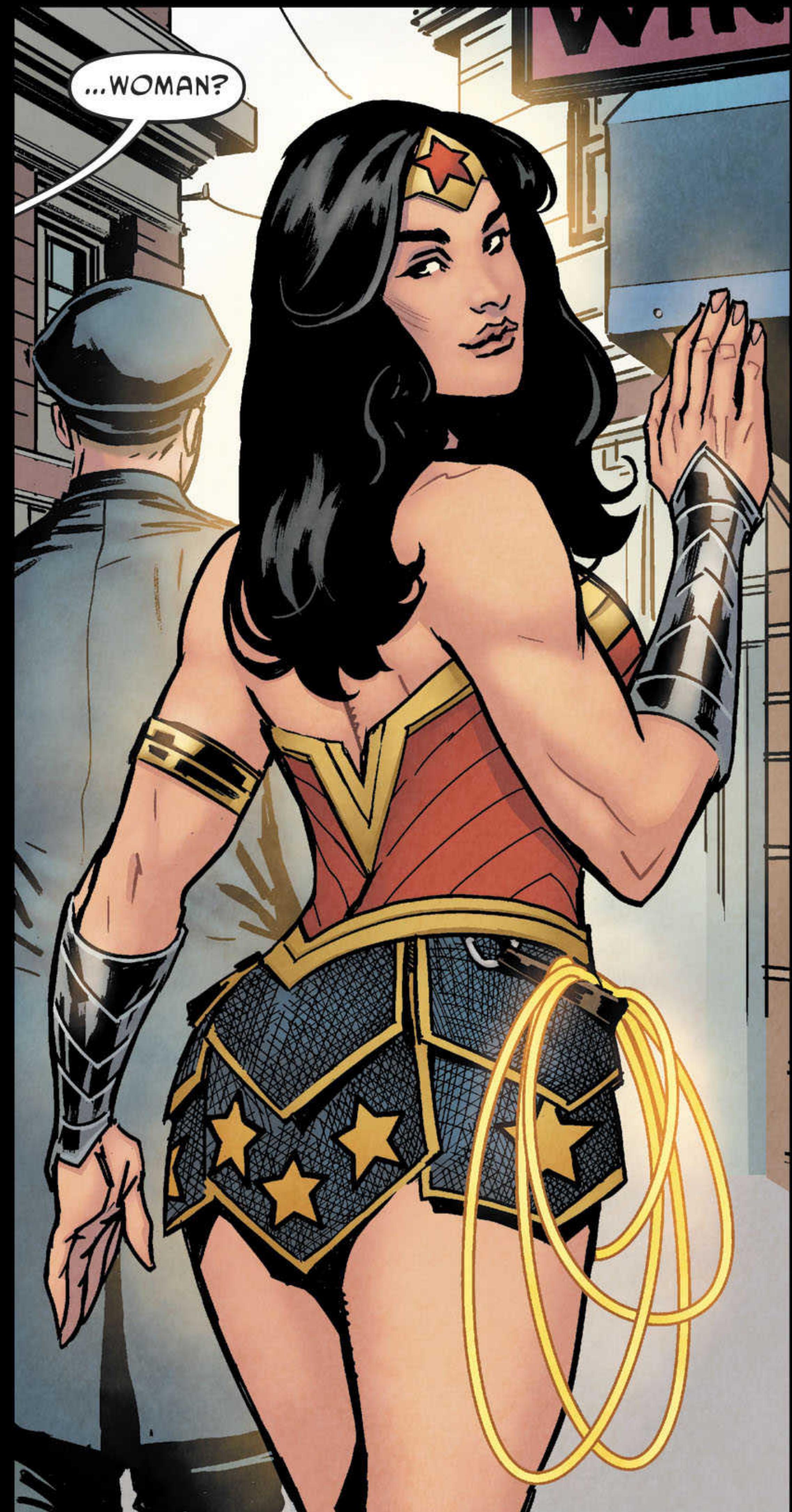
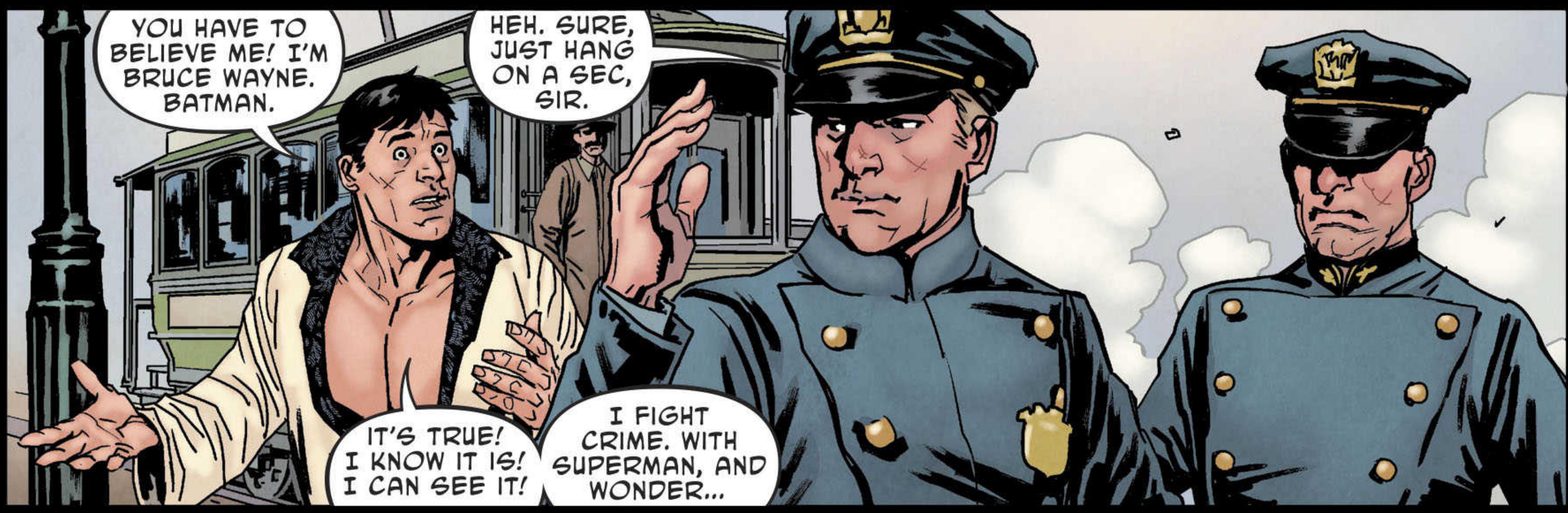
THERE'S NO GETTING OUT, THERE'S JUST LIVING.











I NEED A--



THE
WINDOW, BATS!
LOOK! THEY'RE
KNOCKING!

HARLEY?!
WHAT...WHAT'S
HAPPENING?!

WHAT, D'YA TAKE
A BONK TO THE
HEAD?

WE
FOLLOWED YOU
UP HERE INTO THE
WILD BLACK YONDER!

ALL TO AVOID
THE JUSTICE
WARS!

AND I
QUOTE: "WE
TRIED FIGHTING
WITH RESTRAINT
AND WITHOUT. ALL
THAT'S LEFT TO
DO IS GET
OUT."

GET
OUT...

FROM
HERE...FROM
HERE I CAN DO IT.
THE WINDOW. I
REMEMBER...

I CAN
BREAK
THROUGH!

WHAT, ARE YOU
JUST GOING
TO LEAVE US
HERE?!

"YOU'RE
MESSING UP
THE STORY,
GRANDPA."

LIKE
HELL I
AM.

"I'M TELLING YOU.
THIS IS WHERE YOU
GET YOUR MEDAL
AND WIN THE DAY.
LOOK AT THE
MAYOR SMILING!
WHY WOULD YOU--"

NO,
"DEAR." THIS
IS THE STORY
OF BATS...AND
BIRDS.

BATMAN?
WHO ARE
YOU--

THE
TRAJECTORY
OF THE
BIRDS...

THE BIRDS
THAT ALWAYS
SMASH THE WINDOW--

--WHERE
ARE THEY
TRYING TO
GO...?

BIRDS CAN
BE CONFUSED BY
STRONG VIBRATIONS
IN METAL. EVEN
ATTRACTED
TO THEM.

THE
BIRDS ARE
TRYING TO HELP
ME. I SURROUND
MYSELF WITH THEM,
TO REMIND ME WHO
I AM. WHERE
I AM.

I AM NOT LOST. I
AM BATMAN. AND I AM
TRAPPED IN THE DARK
MULTIVERSE.

BUT I WILL
FIND THE WINDOW.
I WILL FIND THE
WAY OUT.

A SECRET
PASSAGE?

"NO!"

